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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on March 23, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Communication and accompanying European Search Report from the European Patent Office that was mailed on May 12, 2004, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 03029244.5, in which the European Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

(1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-318771, which was published on November 16, 2001, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

Applicants note that this document was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 23, 2004, and thus no copy is being provided herewith;

(2) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 202 149, which was published on May 2, 2002;

(3) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 231 546, which was published on August 14, 2002; and

(4) U.S. Patent No. 4,803,614 to BANBA et al., which issued on February 7, 1989.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the documents (2) and (3) are attached and all of the documents have been listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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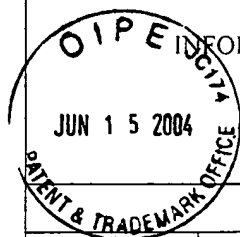
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